

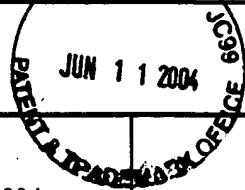
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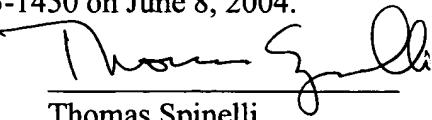
In accordance with 37 C.F.R §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. German Patent No. DE 90 14 246, dated January 24, 1991;
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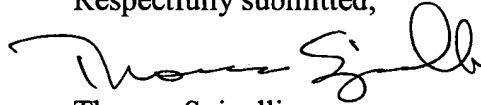

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4. United States Patent No. 4,046,149, issued to Komiya, dated September 6, 1977.

The references were cited in a Search Report dated May 6, 2004 received from the European Patent Office. Applicants are submitting copies of references 1-3, together with a copy of the Search Report. In accordance with the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i) in effect as of June 30, 2003, applicants are not required to submit a copy of the above-cited U.S. Patent reference. Please note that the other reference cited in the Office Action, namely, Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2-111353, dated April 24, 1990, was previously submitted in applicants' Information Disclosure Statement dated January 27, 2004. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report.

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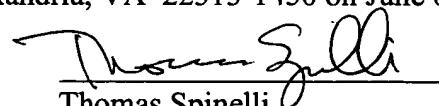
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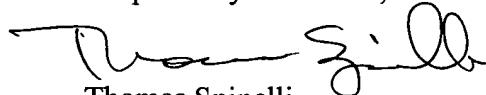
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Therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement cannot be considered a failure to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude prosecution of the application under paragraphs (c)(6), (c) (8), (c) (9), or (c) (10) of 37 C.F.R. § 1.704.

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